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Application of: William W. Cimino)
Serial No. 09/829,678)
Filed: April 19, 2001)
For: Protective Sheath and)
Method for Ultrasonic)
Probes)

Group Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: Jeremy Thistle

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2001 (the "Office Action").

I. AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 1 through 11.

Please add the following new claims:

12. A protective sheath for use with an elongate ultrasonic probe of an ultrasonic

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